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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Findings of working party No. 1, Yellow Fever Institute, not all corroborated by working party No. 2.

WASHINGTON, December 18, 1903.

SURGEON-GENERAL.

SIR: We have the honor to report that, as a result of our studies at Vera Cruz, Mexico, this summer, we have not been able to corroborate all the findings of working party No. 1, Yellow Fever Institute, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, having found phases of the organism described by them as *Myxococcidium stegomyiæ* in normal mosquitoes.

Respectfully,

M. J. ROSENAU,
Chairman Working Party No. 2.
H. B. PARKER.
EDWARD FRANCIS.
GEO. E. BEYER.

Summary of work in Chinatown for the week ended January 9, 1904.

The following is received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue, under date of January 11:

Buildings reinspected.....	266
Rooms.....	1,916
Persons inspected.....	1,998
Sick.....	27
Sick prescribed for at Oriental Dispensary.....	7
Dead examined.....	2
Necropsies.....	1
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	53
Number showing pest infection.....	None
Places limed and disinfected.....	967
Times streets swept.....	3
Sewers flushed.....	17
Notices served to abate plumbing nuisances.....	17
Plumbing nuisances abated.....	5
Undergoing abatement.....	14
Total number of plumbing inspections.....	90

Smallpox in Louisville, Ky.—Danger of epidemic outbreak.

The following is received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Young, under date of January 7:

While the extensive smallpox epidemic in this section of the United States last winter was of a uniformly mild type, the cases occurring this year are of a very different type. The disease is occurring now to a very much more limited extent than last winter, but the cases are largely among the whites and the mortality is high.